

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1837

Miss Balls & Miss Sullivan  
called & presented the following to Mrs Chapman  
after enquiring if how the report got on & learning  
that it was almost through the press.

In justice to ourselves & the society with which  
we are connected, we deem it proper to state  
that the report was not accepted unanimously.

Mary S. Parker.

Martha V. Ball.

Lucy M. Ball

Emilia Davis

Catherine M. Sullivan.

We should like they said to have this inserted,  
if it is not too late. Mrs C. said it was not.

She would insert it if they continued to wish  
it after reflection. "But you know what a handle  
Mr Porter will make of it. They had  
considered that, - thought it probable they should  
be misrepresented. but saw no better way.



Mrs C. "I can conscientiously sign it -  
I should like to do so. I also wish to do  
justice to myself & the Society. Would it not  
do for me to sign it. They replied that it  
seemed to them as if it ought to be signed  
by those who were opposed to the report & that  
it was unnecessary for those who approved it.

Mrs C. Well, you must do as you think right  
I wish you not be surprised if I should  
in consequence feel obliged to take some counteracting  
step. None occurs to me at present, but I  
will see some other members of the Society  
& in the mean time stop the press. Would  
any course that I could take nullify this  
proceeding? <sup>that</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> should be considered. Miss Sullivan  
~~of course~~ We don't wish you to do any thing  
that would do it. Mr. Chapman said  
he advised them to do nothing of the sort &  
thought they could not in fairness claim to do so.  
Mrs C. did not see that. She thought as they



helped to pay for its publication they should  
not have the power to append this note. Mr C. thought  
not. It was <sup>not the custom of Societies.</sup> Mrs C. thought other Societies have no rule  
for not <sup>for not</sup> did acknowledge his ignorance of the <sup>Customs of Societies</sup>  
Mrs Chapman consulted another member  
of the Society Miss A.W. Weston who protested  
against any such proceeding. Said Mrs Chapman  
must not tamper with the report in that  
manner. ~~Said~~ if Mrs Chapman felt willing  
that was no reason. She did not, others did not  
the Society did not. Said that it placed Mrs C.  
in the predicament of one unwilling to do that  
just to the Society. Mrs B. had thought so, &  
had proposed to sign it herself, but that proposal  
did not seem satisfactory to the signers. Miss W.  
& Mrs C. went together to Miss Parker, & expressed to  
her these views, & Mrs Chapman added that she  
had herself done straight forward & right & should  
not permit herself to be put in the situation of one  
having done wrong. Miss Ball ~~& Miss Parker~~ entered  
& they decided to see Miss Sullivan & consider  
further.  
For the first time now, did Mrs C. hear a doubt raised  
as to whether the report had been accepted by a constitutional  
majority.



there were 4 seats on each side the hall, (8 in  
all) filled. 6 on the front & they looked equally full  
making 48. A number of others on seats nearer  
the desk by a rough counting in this way at the  
time Mrs C. had thought 60 were present  
had any one said that less than 55 were  
present, Mrs C. should have denied it Mrs C.  
thought 15 voted against the acceptance. Others  
thought not more than 12. Some did not  
vote at all. So many rose to the acceptance  
that there was not the shadow of doubt on  
Mrs C's mind that two thirds rose, & therefore  
she did not count. Nobody doubted or thought  
of counting at the time